

BATTLE WEIGHTS UNDERGO CHANGE

American and English Fight Enthusiasts Both Propose New Scales.

TEN LIMITS IN EACH SCHEDULE OFFERED

Very Little Difference in Ideas of American and British Sports as to Championship Classes.

Will Prevent Changing Weights to Suit Individual Titles.

At this time, when fight enthusiasts throughout the country and England are talking about the shifting of the heavyweight title from Burns to the negro, Jack Johnson, and discussing the possibilities of matching the present champion with James J. Jeffries, there are five questions concerning the pugilistic game that have yet to receive permanent solution. These questions have been asked time and time again, and each has received about fifty different answers. The queries are these:

What are the proper classes among boxers?

What is the weight in each class? Should it be made at the ring-side or some hours before the fight?

Who are the different champions of today?

Who was the best man in each class since boxing became as much a national institution as it is today?

Many of the big fight promoters, trainers and referees of the country are unanimous in their opinions that a standard set of weights should rule in all championship battles. They frown on the idea of a fighter changing the weight to fit his individual title, thus depriving the unfortunate who are affected a chance to fight in the class they rightfully belong.

The London Scale.

In London the new scale of weights is being applied by the National Sporting Club of London, with a view of being able to determine satisfactorily just what classes the various fighters are in. Numerous suggestions have been made. One of them is that a revision be made in class nomenclature with several additional new classes.

The American scale gives each man a chance. Joe Choynski, it will be remembered, had to fight heavyweights, yet he was far too light for Maher, Sharkey and Jeffries, whom he fought. If classed a light heavyweight, he would have been unbeaten.

The gap between 125 and 132 pounds, the difference between the feather and lightweight limits, has been a source of continual trouble. Many have been the fighters, good ones, too, who have been beaten at two weights. At the featherweight, will not fight unless his man makes 122 pounds. That is when he fights for his title. When he goes out of his class he thinks he has an easy mark.

Terry McGovern, featherweight, lost his title to Young Corbett because he took on the latter, who rightfully belonged in the heavy featherweight class at 128 pounds. This figure closes the gap between the two weights, and gives any number of good men a chance to fight without training men too heavy for them, or training down till too weak.

Little Difference.

Johnny Coulon would come under the paperweight. The distance between this mark and 118 pounds, the bantam weight, is a light one. This was originally the featherweight. George Dixon, the clever little colored fighter, was changed to light bantam, a weight he never won. A remedy for this would be found in establishing the light middleweight at 150 pounds.

Under the new American classification of weights the present-day champions would stand like this: Heavyweight, Johnny Coulon; bantam, Young O'Leary; feather, Abe Attell; heavy feather, Jim Driscoll; light, Battling Nelson; welter, Jack Blackburn; light middle, Jack Johnson; middle, Stanley Ketchell; light heavy, Sam Langford; heavy, Jack Johnson.

The Proposed Weights.

The American Plan.

Paperweight, 105 pounds.

Bantamweight, 118 pounds.

Featherweight, 122 pounds.

Heavy featherweight, 125 pounds.

Lightweight, 132 pounds.

Welterweight, 142 pounds.

Light middleweight, 150 pounds.

Middleweight, 155 pounds.

Light heavyweight, 165 pounds.

Heavyweight, over 165 pounds.

The British Plan.

Bantam, 115 pounds.

Feather, 122 pounds.

Welter, 132 pounds.

Light, 135 pounds.

Welter, 140 pounds.

Iron, 150 pounds.

Middle, 165 pounds.

Heavy, 170 pounds.

Champion, unlimited above 170.

More Than Pitching Necessary.

Matthewson is to coach the Harvard pitcher and the Yale pitcher.

DAVIDSON SQUAD IS HARD AT WORK

North Carolina Teams Are Getting in Shape for the Spring Season.

DAVIDSON, February 13.—With the coming of Coach Everett early next week, the out-of-door practices already begun and the formal schedule of games starting in about six weeks some account of Davidson's prospects for the season and a few words about the material that must be depended upon for a winning team in baseball will be of interest to friend and foe alike, as well as to the general public.

The team will be captained by Clarence E. Clark, class of '39, of Clarkston, who is well known here in both baseball and football circles. In fine pitching last spring brought him into prominence very rapidly, as previous to this time even he himself did not suspect that there was in him the developing of a star pitcher, remarkable both for his speed and endurance, and with it all a steady man. There is no fear in putting the team under his charge for the coming season.

D. M. Bule, who caught on the scrub team last season and played in two or three games with the varsity, would be Sherrill's natural successor, and his friends think that the place will certainly be given him. Last year he played the position finely, and his batting was extra good. He showed himself a good fielder, too, and especially at critical times.

"Bo" Elliott and Mattison are also exceptionally good catchers, so that the position will certainly not go begging. Turner, last year's first baseman, is back on the hill after a spell of sickness in the fall, and every one counts "large" on him. Second base is open, but the expectation is that it can be filled satisfactorily by an old or a new man. Possibilities are McClintock, if moved from third, by the bringing in of Booe from the outfield to third, and Templeton, a good man in this position last year for the scrubs. McRae is back for short, with Julian S. Johnston as a good substitute.

Klutz, Booe, McClure, the entire outfield of last year, are all here, and good men for their positions. Their promising men are W. E. Mills, class '31, and Pharr and Sharpe, class of '32, for the field. Sharpe, Yount, both new men, are showing up well in the pitcher's box.

J. E. Wilkinson is one of the most promising of last year's scrubs.

A. and M. Schedule.

RALEIGH, N. C., February 13.—The A. and M. Athletic Association announces that it has arranged a schedule of baseball games for this season as follows:

March.

Monday, 15—Bingham, at Raleigh.

Friday, 19—Elon College, at Raleigh.

Wednesday, 24—Deaf and Dumb, at Raleigh.

Saturday, 27—Wake Forest, at Raleigh.

Monday-Tuesday, 29-30—LaFayette, at Raleigh.

Wednesday, 31—Catawba, at Raleigh.

April.

Friday, 2—Richmond College, at Raleigh.

Tuesday-Wednesday, 6-7—Villanova, at Raleigh.

Monday, 12—Wake Forest, at Raleigh.

Thursday, 13—Delaware, at Raleigh.

Friday, 14—Guilford, at Raleigh.

Saturday, 17—Davidson at Charlotte.

Wednesday, 21—Davidson, at Raleigh.

Monday, 28—Oak Ridge, at Greensboro.

Saturday, 27—Washington and Lee, at Lexington, Va.

Wednesday, 29—Georgetown, at Washington D. C.

Thursday, 29—Navy, at Annapolis, Md.

Friday, 30—St. John's, at Annapolis, Md.

May.

Saturday, 1—Richmond, at Norfolk.

Monday, 3—Wake Forest, at Raleigh.

Thursday-Friday, 6-7—Central University, at Raleigh.

Philadelphia National League date not arranged.

Working His Men.

DURHAM, N. C., February 13.—Dr. M. T. Adkins has actually begun the training of the Trinity team, and though unable yet to do any field work, has had the squad in the gymnasium and put them upon light exercise.

As soon as the blizzard is over and the field is in condition, they will begin batting practice and light throwing. It was constant use of the stick during the spring that made the team such hitters when they were ready for the matches. The pitching is done by the young classmen who don't need their arms much and love to speed ten over.

By early March the team will be playing short games daily, the scrubs and varsity, and there will be several games in that month.

The athletic council has not passed upon the players yet, but it is certain that none have impediments that will necessitate their being laid off. All the boys have observed the spirit of the S. J. A. rules and several familiar and triumphant faces will be seen on the diamond in every game this spring.

Woodberry Forest Defeated.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

CHARLOTTE, VA., February 13.—In the Fayerweather gymnasium at the university at 4 o'clock this afternoon the Staunton Military Academy basketball team defeated the Woodberry Forest quint, 19 to 13.

Maxwell and Austin were the stars for Staunton team, while Johnson and Christian did the best playing for Woodberry. The Staunton team is making an active bid for the interscholastic championship of Virginia.

The Johnstown Club, of the Tri-State League, has signed Second Baseman Curt Weiland as team manager. Will Curt Weiland as team manager? The club has also decided that the Johnstown Club will be selected by Manager Weiland and President Kline.

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April 3—Virginia Military Institute, at Lexington.

April 10—Hog Military Academy, at Hampden-Sidney.

April 17—Roanoke College, at Salem.

April 23—Cluster Springs Academy, at Hampden-Sidney.

April 26—Randolph-Macon College, at Hampden-Sidney.

May 1—William and Mary College, at Hampden-Sidney.

May 8—Richmond College, at Hampden-Sidney.

Society Assembled in Force When Deep Run Hounds Start and Finish.

The going was good, and the pace stiff, yesterday afternoon in the weekly run of the Deep Run Hunt Club, and society in full force assembled to witness the start and finish. The meet was at Laburnum, and for eight miles through Ginter Park, Wingfield's farm, on Dorville; Miss Galt's of Charlottesville; on Computer; W. Ormond Young, M. F. H., on Overland; James W. Graves, on Kingsman; E. D. Harris, on Willa; Archie Anderson, on Chorus Girl; Joseph Anderson, on Paladin; Robert Smith, on Gates; J. A. White, on Iron Prince; S. B. Ford, Jr., on Benovol; Everett Wadley, on Joekwood; W. M. Hill, Jr., on Bertha Barker; B. H. Ellington, on Robin Hood; William Reuger, on Major; Palmer Leigh, on Brown Jug; John Burroughs, on Lido; Woodward, and Clarence Hall, on Victory.

Mrs. John Skelton Williams, Mrs. I. Newton Vaughan and Mrs. A. S. Buford, Jr., were the receiving party at the club house after the hunt.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Scott Parish, Mr. and Mrs. Steele, Dr. and Mrs. Murphy of Cincinnati, Dr. and Mrs. Ingles, of Chicago; Mrs. Monore Perkins, Mrs. Waller Morton, Mrs. Dubois, of Baltimore; Miss Wingo, of Kansas City; Miss Hattie Shields, Mrs. Lanier Dunn, Miss Frances Scott, and many others.

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was claimed that the title should be fought for at 122 pounds, ringside, the men will box for the championship just the same in the opinion of ring experts, inasmuch as McGovern lost his title to Young Corbett at 125.

Another interesting match secured by the National A. C. is a ten-round bout between Jabez White, England's lightweight champion, and Joe Gans, the former champion of the world. They will meet on March 12, the weight to be 135 pounds at 6 o'clock.

With a flourish of trumpets, it is announced in a dispatch from Melbourne that Jack Johnson, on the eve of his departure for this country, has issued a challenge to Jeffries, Tommy Burns or any man in the world to fight for the heavyweight championship.

It was known right after his victory over Burns that Johnson wanted to fight Jeffries, so that the alleged challenge has not caused much excitement.

Johnson will sail from Sydney Monday on the steamer Makura, and will probably arrive at Vancouver on or about March 12. He says that he will go direct to his home at Galveston, Tex., to see his parents, and will then proceed to London, arriving there about the first of April. He will do no boxing in this country, and says that if Jeffries will accept an offer of a \$75,000 purse made by a Melbourne promoter he will return in twelve months to meet the big Californian.

CHALLENGE BLUES' TEAM

Members of Staunton Rifles Desire to Show What They Are Made of.

Picked men from a company of the Staunton Rifles have challenged a team picked from Company C, of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues, to compete in a shooting match, and the challenge has been accepted. No date has yet been fixed, and it may be that the teams will not actually meet, but will each do its shooting on home grounds, the scores afterwards to be compared by an umpire. A prize of \$50 will be awarded to the winning team.

The Blues' team has already been selected, and is composed of Captain Tucker, Sergeant Heyett, Sergeant Bodeker, Sergeant Montague and Corporal Weisger. Four of the team practiced yesterday afternoon, and each made a good score. Captain Tucker shot off with 74 points out of a possible 75, and the others made: Sergeant Heyett, 72; Sergeant Bodeker, 70, and Corporal Weisger, 70. They shot at a range of 35 yards.

V. M. I. WINS FROM RANDOLPH-MACON

By Strong, Aggressive Work, Cadets Put Up a Large Score.

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LEXINGTON, VA., February 13.—Virginia Military Institute defeated Randolph-Macon College to-night in basketball by the score of 49 to 19. V. M. I.'s defensive work was especially strong from the start, and Randolph-Macon had few chances to score, but made good as a rule. The end of the first half stood, Institute 24, College 10.

The collegians were kept on the defensive in the second half by the cadets' aggressive work. Captain Porter Meedy and McIntee were stars for V. M. I. Line-up:

Positions. R-M-C. McIntee.....left forward.....Buhrman

Porter.....right forward.....Sessler

Kelly.....left guard.....Smith

Meedy.....center.....Burr

Burcker.....right guard.....Smith

Kelly.....left guard.....Smith

Time of halves, twenty minutes.

A St. Louis dispatch states that Coach Jack O'Connor has been practically appointed as manager of the Little Rock (Southern League) Club.

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